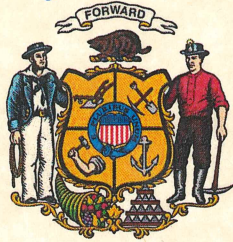


# STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; National Infant Immunization Week is an annual observance to highlight the importance of protecting infants from vaccine-preventable diseases and to celebrate the achievements of immunization programs in promoting healthy communities across the United States; and

*WHEREAS*; 2019 is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Wisconsin Vaccines for Children program which helps to reduce economic barriers for vaccinating kids in Wisconsin; and

*WHEREAS*; immunizations are key to keeping children in Wisconsin healthy by preventing the spread of diseases, such as measles, mumps, diphtheria, polio tetanus, hepatitis B, rotavirus, and chickenpox, while saving health care costs; and

*WHEREAS*; starting at birth children need a series of vaccinations to be fully protected from these deadly and debilitating diseases, and stopping disease spread is dependent on high immunization rates throughout all communities in Wisconsin; and

*WHEREAS*; vaccinations are a safe and effective means to protect all children from diseases, especially those that are too young to receive certain vaccines or who have compromised immune systems; and

*WHEREAS*; families, health care professionals, and public health officials must work together to ensure education, access to services, and long-term policies are in place to support children being vaccinated on time, such as the state's immunization registry that helps parents determine if their child is missing any vaccines;

NOW, *THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the state of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim the week of April 27-May 4, 2019 as

## WISCONSIN INFANT IMMUNIZATION WEEK

throughout the state of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the state of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the city of Madison this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April 2019.

*Tony Evers*  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

*Douglas La Follette*  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State